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any Applications Received at
Last Meeting to be Held This
Year.

A rather lengthy session of the Athletic Association was held in the Union last night at 6 o'clock, those present being Messrs. Gerrie, Pitts, Monquin, Branch, Rooney, Lamb, Greenwood and Smelzer.

After the reading and adoption of the minutes, the president's action was ratified in granting permission to I. Pesner, Med. '21, to play basketball with the Young Men's Hebrew Association, it being understood that should the McGill Basketball team require his services, he would be willing to play with them.

Applications were read from M. McLennan, Arts '18, and W. Creason, Med. '21, asking permission to play basketball with the Presbyterian College in the Theological Basketball League. This permission was also granted on the same condition that they would if necessary, be available for the McGill team. Permission was also granted J. M. McCarthy, Arts '20, to play basketball with the Shamrocks in the "Shamrock Juvenile League."

An application from B. McTeigue was then read, asking permission to play hockey with the Loyola Hockey team in the City League. In view of the fact that Loyola are playing in the same league as McGill, and that McTeigue's services would be of value to the McGill hockey team it was impossible to grant this permission. The meeting felt very keenly on this matter, especially when the prospects of the hockey team are so bright and hoped that McTeigue would see fit to turn out with the McGill team.

An application from C. H. Goldstein, Sci. '20, asking permission to play hockey with the "Harmonia Club," Westmont, was read, and permission granted.

The next item of business was the difficult task of granting M's for the inter-faculty football this fall. The reports of the different judges were compared at length, and the merits of the different players discussed. It was the decision of the meeting that only four men were really entitled to the large block M. and nine men for the small block M. They are as follows:—

Large Block M.

G. D. Scott, Sci. '19.
H. H. Pitts, Med. '18.
A. H. Greenwood, Med. '18.
T. Fawcett, Med. '18.

Small Block M.

J. P. Gilhooley, Med. '20.
E. M. Busby, Med. '18.
A. Hunter, Med. '17.
F. J. Donnelly, Med. '18.
W. K. Dowd, Med. '18.
W. W. Fleck, Med. '17.
P. A. G. Clark, Arts '17.
T. J. Fox, Sci. '18.
C. Parke, Sci. '18.

All letters were granted on special merit, and the shields accompanying the large M's will bear this inscription, together with the letter I.P.F. (Inter-Faculty Football), 1916-17. The granting of the numerals was left over, owing to the late hour.

A rather lengthy discussion then followed on the Hockey Club's proposed trips to Pittsburgh and Boston. A proposal from this club, to the effect that the surplus of the McGill receipts over and above expenses, be turned over to Canadian Patriotic purposes, met with the Association's hearty approval. The Hockey Club were granted permission to go ahead and get the necessary sanction from the Athletics Committee of Corporation on condition that this was also favorable to the Students' Council.

The meeting then adjourned.

PROOFS OF SCI. '17 PHOTO.

Proofs of the Science '17 photo, which was taken last Friday, are now at hand, and may be seen at the janitor's office. Those who expressed their desire to have a copy should select whichever one they prefer the better, and those who wish to obtain a copy of the photograph, but who have not signed, should do so immediately. A deposit, which is for purposes of a guarantee for the photographer, will be taken at the time the picture is selected.

AFRICANS BID FOR TEETH.

That the inhabitants of South Africa fully approve of the dental course offered at Michigan is shown by the fact that every South African student attending the university is enrolled in the dental college. At present there are 40 students from foreign lands taking dentistry, and 24 of this number come from the southern part of Africa.—Daily Michigan.

WHAT'S ON

TO-DAY.

1.00 p.m.—Daily Staff Photo.
11.00 a.m.—Commerce '17 Meeting.
12.30 a.m.—Athletic Association Picture.
1.00 p.m.—Cercle Francais Photo.
1.00 p.m.—Delta Sigma Executive Meeting.
2.30 p.m.—Y. W. C. A. Meeting.
2.30 p.m.—E. T. Club Photo.
3.00 p.m.—Philosophical Society Photo.
5.00 p.m.—Societe Francaise Meeting.
8.15 p.m.—Science Undergraduate Meeting.

COMING.

Dec. 21—Christmas Vacation.

\$356 PROFIT REALIZED BY R. V. C. TEA ROOM

Report of Tea-Room Given at
R. V. C. Meeting.

OCT. 23 TO DEC. 15.

Patrons and Donators Are
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age and Services.

An important R. V. C. Undergraduate meeting was held yesterday at 1 o'clock. The principal business which came before the meeting was the reading of the report of the Tea Room Committee by the treasurer, Miss Kilgour, which was as follows:—

"Tea has been served in Strathcona Hall on every Monday and Friday between October 23rd and December 15th—sixteen times in all. The profit realized amounts to \$356.34.

Special thanks are due to Miss Hurlbatt, without whose co-operation the Tea Room would have been impossible; to Miss Cameron for her unfailing help and sympathy; to the authorities of Strathcona Hall for their generosity in giving us the use of the Hall and china; to Mr. Wilson, who donated the sugar; to Mr. Matheson, who donated tea; and to Mrs. Dawson, for her donation of teapots; to McGill University for the use of the tables; to the Western Club for their donation; to those friends who so kindly sent cakes; to the girls who brought tea-cloths, cakes and toasters; and to the members of the Faculty, the friends and the students of the University, who by their patronage, have made the tea room a success."

The financial report in brief:—

RECEIPTS.	
Grant from the Undergraduate Society	\$ 25.00
Receipts from Tea Room	396.21
Donations	8.00
Balance from Red Cross (last year)	2.50
Total Receipts	\$431.71
EXPENDITURES.	
Already donated	155.00
Belgian Relief	20.00
Overseas Y.M.C.A.	55.00
P.P.C.L.I.	40.00
Total	\$190.37

This leaves a balance of \$241.34. This report was adopted.

After some little discussion it was decided to vote this money to several causes.

Red Cross	\$150.00
Serbian Relief	30.00
Khaki League	25.00
Scottish Hospitals (Miss Burke)	36.00

Any remainder will be placed in the Belgian Relief Box.

A report with reference to the Christmas stockings was then read by Miss Baker. One hundred and six stockings were filled with comforts for the soldiers in the trenches, and forwarded through the Municipal Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire.

This report was adopted and the meeting adjourned.

E. T. CLUB PHOTO.

The members of the executive of the Eastern Townships Club are requested to meet at Gordon's Studio at 2.30 o'clock. This photo has to be taken before the holidays, and the above is the only convenient date for Dr. Colby. The men are urged to be on hand.

"AGGIES" TAKE NOTICE.

Marie: "At the place where I was spending my vacation this summer, a fresh young farmer tried to kiss me. He told me he'd never kissed a girl in his life."
Ethel: "What did you say to him?"
Marie: "I told him that I was no agricultural experiment station." —Boston Transcript.

Y. W. C. A. MEETING.

The third and last meeting of the Y. W. C. A. of Royal Victoria College for this term, will be held in the Common Room at 2.30 this afternoon. Rev. Mr. A. E. Corbett will address the members of the society, who are all asked to be present.

"PROHIBITION" DISCUSSED AT LIT. MEETING

Subject Viewed from Every
Aspect by Debators and
Audience.

"PROHIBITION" IS UPHELD.

The Last Meeting of the Present
Year Very Successful.

The last meeting of the Literary and Debating Club to be held this year took place last night in Strathcona Hall, and was fairly well attended.

The meeting was called to order at 8.15 p.m. by the president, D. C. Hyde, who, after the minutes had been read and adopted, called upon P. A. G. Clark to state the affirmative arguments of that, "Resolved that a measure of Prohibition be enforced in Quebec."

P. A. G. Clark defined what he considered as prohibition. He said that prohibition would be of great advantage to men of immature mind, (i.e., freshmen), and that the treating system was very dangerous to health.

V. S. Green took the negative side of the question. He said that as in Alberta, only doctors could give permission to get liquor, a great number of dentists had sprung up. He stated that drunkenness was hereditary, and that if prohibition were enforced many men would be thrown out of work, and the government deprived of a great source of revenue. Alcohol is needed to build up returned soldiers. In prohibition provinces when a man is drunk he is arrested by city police, while the fines go to the province. Thus policemen are not keen to make arrests. Drinking in back, low places is far more dangerous than in public places under the public eye.

D. C. Hyde then threw the meeting open for discussion. A gallery opened the impromptu discussion by stating in rather long terms that he would go farther than prohibition. All liquor is in every way detrimental to the nerve system, he explained in a way which is perhaps of interest to medical students. Munsterberg, he said, says that insanity and other diseases are due to liquor. He was then interrupted by somebody at the back saying, "What will you have?" a remark which afforded great amusement to the audience.

B. Benjamin seconded the negative, and said that Prohibition is more or less a farce. Prohibition only keeps the poor man from having a drink, or at least makes it harder for him to get it. Drinking does not necessarily cause drunkenness. In Prohibition provinces the rich have as much liquor as their rich brothers in other provinces. If we want Prohibition why not have Prohibition in its true sense of the word.

Then speakers got up to say only a few words. Many of them did not think Prohibition could be effective. Among them were A. E. Corbett, S. Luner, Jr., K. P. Tsolainos, Mallory, H. Shafer, H. Viner, R. J. Clark and P. Presner. One of them stated that Prohibition produced more crimes in Great Britain than were in the time when the bars were full. People who advocate Prohibition are those who have suffered from the effects of liquor on those who are dear to them. Liquor is the cause of graft and waste of time in construction camps. A rich man can get other stimulants than drink, while the poor man cannot. Prohibition would throw thousands of men out of work. In fact, in Michigan Prohibition left 75,000 men without work. Those who use liquor to excess are in time punished by nature. A little wet stuff is needed to cause a fraternizing effect on a social gathering. Prohibition has been advocated for perhaps four hundred years. Manufacturers only favor Prohibition because an abstaining workman is more efficient than a drinking man.

The meeting was then served with refreshments, which were very good. After that V. S. Green refuted the argument for the negative. He said that drunkenness was not hereditary, and that liquor is not the cause of poverty. If men do not spend their money on drink, they will perhaps gamble.

R. J. Clark spoke at length, successfully refuting many of the points brought out by the previous speakers, special stress being laid on the fact that many, many times as many men have been killed through religious wars and persecutions than through liquor; the inference: do away with religion—hurrah for the issue! The points of Messrs. Tsolainos and Corbett were demolished by Clark's splendid command of oratory and definite statistical references as well as philosophical and biological fact.

Mr. Hyde, in conclusion, thanked the members present for their keen interest and participation in the subject, commenting that the fair attendance bid well for the increased proposed activities after Christmas.

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SELF-RELIANCE.

If it were possible to select one quality to which might be attributed the success of the world's greatest men in every field of endeavor that one quality would probably be Self-reliance. To this essential attribute may be credited the victories of Napoleon and Washington, the success of Burke and Hamilton, the fortunes of the Rothschilds and Carnegie, the scientific discoveries of Newton, Dalton and Faraday, and the marvelous surgical feats of the Mayo brothers.

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In a larger sense all that is new and progressive is the result of self-reliance. Every thought and action is influenced by this great magnetizing force. The boldest advances of scientific enterprise, the most utile inventions, the most rapid strides of literature and art owe their inception and introduction to it.

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Finally, in a broad sense, self-reliance is perseverance and with its powerful aid there is realized the classic advice of Richelieu to Francois Villon. "In the bright lexicon of youth, which the gods adore, there is no such word as fail."—The Mississippiian.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Daily is not responsible for the contents of letters published in the correspondence column. Signed communications from graduates, undergraduates and members of the faculty will be placed in print if they are not of too great length.

Correspondents are requested to observe the unwritten law of the newspaper office—that they write upon ONE side of the paper ONLY.

The Editor, McGill Daily:

Dear Sir,—I have watched with some amusement the discussion in this column of the so-called Vice Committee. It seems to me, however, that the wrong interpretation and name were given in your columns to that committee. From advice gained directly from the McGill Y. M. C. A. I understand that not only was the committee appointed informally, but also was to acquire only second-hand information as to whether the work of the authorities in cleaning up the community around the University had been on the whole successful. It is exceedingly regrettable that any mention was made of the Y. M. C. A. appointment, which led the public press to give such colour and prominence to a committee which was in reality merely a student affair.

I understand that on the receipt of the above information Mr. R. J. Clarke has abandoned the discussion. It is to be hoped that this correct statement of the case will gain the same prominence as the initial announcement.

Yours,
P. A. G. CLARK.

The Editor, McGill Daily:

Dear Sir,—In order to avoid causing any damage to first year morals, and to prevent other less respectable, but more sensational interpretations, I wish to explain that the booby hatch is neither more nor less than the common goal. I am very sorry to disappoint those readers of Snap Stories who thought otherwise, but I cannot help it.

R. J. CLARK.

BROTHERHOOD MOVEMENT.

A small book compiled by John Edwards, and entitled "The Brotherhood Movement in Canada," contains a record of twenty years of existence of the brotherhood movement here in the Dominion.

The beginning of the movement was quite simple, a Sunday school class that wished to keep together after having gone through "the gradual evolution from a junior boys' class into a young men's Bible class." It was modeled along the lines of the Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Movement in the Old Country, but did not wish to retain that name. It finally adopted that of "Men's Own," particularly from the fact that it was found a better attendance was to be had at a purely male meeting. One of the teachers went to England to see how things were being run there, and on his return the movement was launched in Canada. T. B. Macaulay, was the first President, and has occupied the same office ever since; so also is the case with Rev. E. Munson Hill, D.D., who is pastor.

Those behind the movement had many an anxious week while the success of the enterprise hung in the balance, but through perseverance and work it is now firmly established. One of the big duties of the Society is that connected with emigration and immigration. Leaflets and pamphlets distributed in the Old Country let people know that they would be welcomed on their landing in Canada.

The movement has spread now so that it includes all of the provinces, and at Toronto was inaugurated "The Brotherhood Federation of Canada." The Foreword, prefacing the volume may explain better than anything else just what the Brotherhood is:

Foreword.

The following pages contain a record of the foundation and history of the Calvary Men's Own Brotherhood, Montreal, and goes on to describe the rise and progress in Canada of the Brotherhood Movement as known by that general term throughout Great Britain and Ireland. It takes no cognizance of movements such as, for instance, the Y. M. C. A., which is of course, in its essence a vast Brotherhood movement; nor of specialized or distinctive Brotherhoods like the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, or the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip, both of which have a large number of branches and a numerous membership. It is the non-denominational, unsectarian, inclusive, international Brotherhood Movement, as enunciated by Mr. William Ward on page 25, that is here treated, though the Brotherhoods of all types work in hearty sympathy and belong to the joint federations. This is perhaps particularly true of Montreal. Readers will also note that it is a compilation from various sources, and not an original writing.

The Compiler,
(The Brotherhood Movement in Canada—Compiled by John Edwards, 53a Mozart St., W., Montreal. Price 20c.)

HAVARD UNION PETITION.

On the strength of last year's student vote that was 3 to 1 in favor of making membership in the Harvard Union, the college social centre, compulsory, the governing body of the Union yesterday sent a petition to the administrative board of the university asking that compulsory membership be made a college rule. The petition bears the signature of the entire governing body.

SLEEPER FELLOWSHIP.
Boston University trustees have appointed Orwin B. Griffin as the Jacob Sleeper fellow for next year. The fellowship carries \$500 and is the highest academic honor conferred by the faculty of the university. The fellowship was established in 1889 in honor of Jacob Sleeper, one of the founders of Boston University.

Coach John Spiegel has signed to coach the University of Chattanooga eleven for the next two years. He was formerly a famous player at Washington and Jefferson University, and has been coaching at Chattanooga two years.

Pennsylvania State College will lose only four of its 1916 football players next fall. They are Captain Clark, Morris Edgerton and Oberle and the captain was the only regular this fall.



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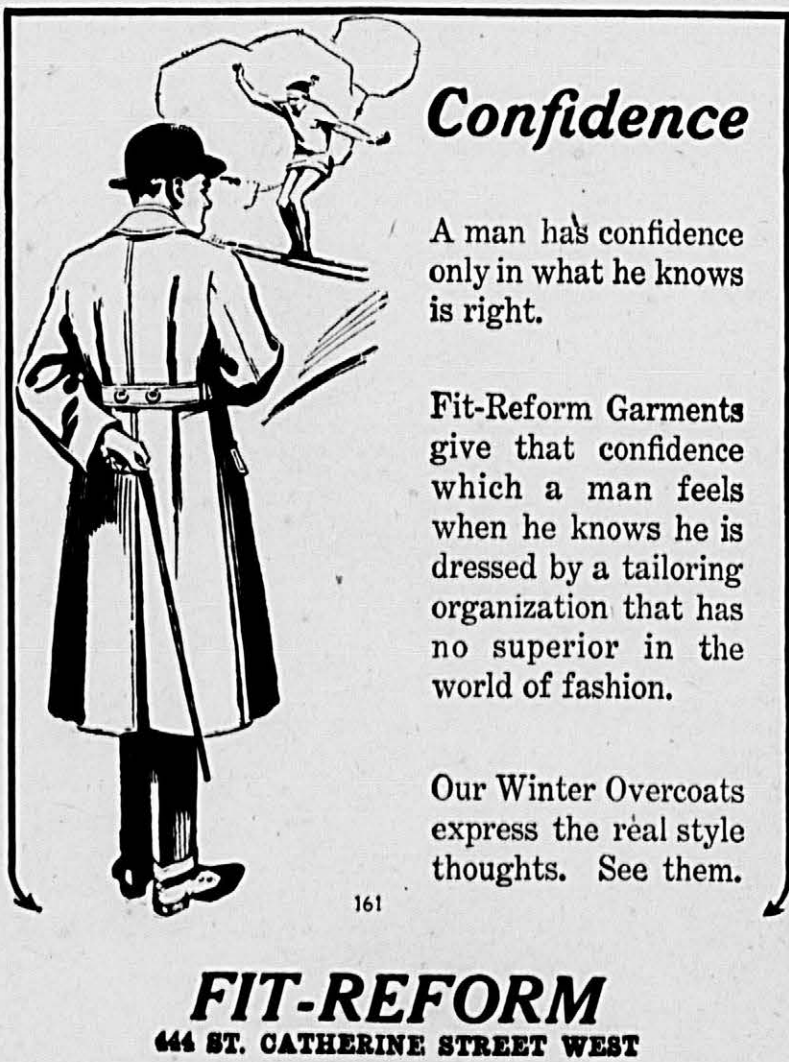
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PHYRNE AND FRANKENSTEIN.

Dear Frankenstein,—What will posterity say when, reading the correspondence between Phyrne and Frankenstein, they find no allusion to the greatest of all wars? They will undoubtedly attribute our silence either to apathy or to ignorance. What struck me as strange in the works of both Schiller and Goethe is their almost total indifference to the French Revolution. Were these giants so deeply immersed in speculation about the past that they overlooked the present, or were they ignorant of the significance of that memorable event? Perhaps they were both.

Pure philosophy and lofty—all too lofty—poetry have never appealed to me. They had their origin in the classic age, when practical application of ideas was considered ignominious. They remind me of the super-sensitive "Schongaster," who shrink from real life and fill our pure air of hope with lamentations. "In mounting to your heavenly heights, O poet, your feet should show the dust of the earth," cries Victor Hugo. Poets, philosophers, and scientists, produced as they are by the universal mind, belong entirely to the universe. Our place as thinkers is with the living and hence we should pay more attention to the phenomena of social life. War, strikes, lockouts, Colorado slaughters—all these are so bound up with our life that to ignore them would mean mental suicide.

But what should our attitude be with regard to the present cataclysm in Europe? War, according to my hypothesis, owes its birth to the existence of classes in human society. The Great War is a proof of what I mean. The year prior to its outbreak a great economic crisis was imminent throughout the industrial world. The modern social organism felt the disease in all its parts. Armies of unemployed emitted their howl of hunger, and vast hordes assembled for the purpose of marching to Washington, D.C. In Russia the secret societies manifested an unexplained activity.

But nowhere was the danger of a revolution more felt in higher circles than in Germany. The common peril caused the Imperial Government to unite with the hated Central Party. The Pope was toasted on many public occasions. The Kaiser, whenever he had an opportunity, insisted on the divine right of his rule. All this was done to counteract a threatened revolution.

In small localities certain socialist mayors refused to celebrate the birth of William II. In Potsdam, the Emperor's place of residence, a socialist representative was elected. Not only was the unbounded arrogance of the Hohenzollerns touched to the quick, but their very existence was threatened by "rabble," by "demagogues" and "slaves." Something had to be done, and done quickly, before the mob gathered its full strength for the blow. Then came the war, and the rest you know.

England is, as far as I can see, free from guilt, and it is my ardent belief

that it is her mission, as the most civilized nation, to abolish war for ever.

PHYRNE.

P.S.—Thank you very much, dear Frankenstein, for your kind appreciation of my letters; I, too, have enjoyed yours, and someday, perhaps, I may perchance write you. I shall often think of you and your kindness in answering my first unconventional letter.

Fare thee well, and forever,
Then forever fare thee well (Byron).
PHYRNE.

AT THE MOVIES.

JOAN OF ARC.

Canadian censors have now passed all of the Geraldine Farrar films in Canada. This includes Carmen, Temptation and Maria Rosa. The three pictures featuring Miss Farrar preceded her latest masterpiece, "Joan of Arc," based on the life of the immortal Joan of Arc. This action on the part of the censors is considered most important in film circles, in view of the apparent misunderstanding which arose about the time of the beginning of the war, when Miss Farrar was misunderstood to be in sympathy with Germany. A discussion concerning this misapprehension arose in the spring of 1915, when Miss Farrar sang Carmen at the New York Metropolitan Opera House at a tremendous French benefit for the French hospital. This American girl who first received artistic recognition in Germany, at that time was severely criticized by ardent German enthusiasts for having done this. Secret effort was made because of her appearance at this French benefit to discredit her in Germany. Wide-spread publicity followed this misunderstanding, which Miss Farrar made no efforts to counteract, feeling that her efforts in behalf of the French hospital spoke for themselves, and that the truth of the facts would eventually speak for itself. Her services for this and similar causes in the interests of the Allies has endeared her to all those who have the interests of England and her friends at heart, and it is felt that this latest masterpiece in which she has given to the world an immortal picturization of the world's greatest woman will have a lasting effect upon England and English sympathizers.

Pan-Hellenic rules have just been passed at Ginnel making it a reproachable offense to remain on the skating enclosure on the river later than 9.30 o'clock at night for the men and six o'clock for the women students.

"The fall rowing season has proved that we have a good stroke oar and that we shall have to depend on a lighter crew than Yale has had in many years," said Coach Mather Abbott in the Yale Daily News, commenting on the fall rowing season. The races proved, Coach Abbott said, that the Housatonic is one of the best racing stretches in the country.

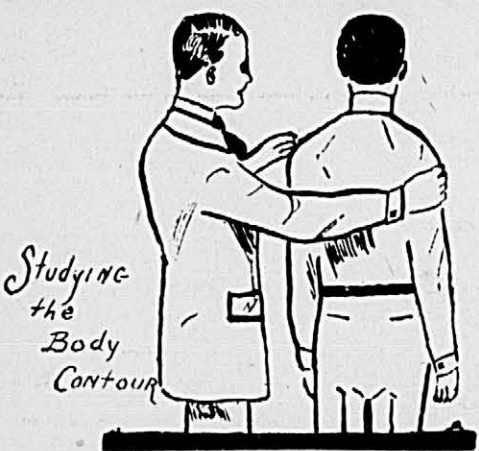


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Laus Varsitatis

A Song in Praise of the University of Toronto. By STEPHEN LEACOCK. (Reprinted by Request from the 'Varsity Magazine Supplement'.)

NOTE.—This poem is done in what is now being called *vers libre*. In my college days we used to call it worse than that. It would be false modesty to conceal the fact that this poem was submitted for the Chancellor's Gold Medal. It didn't get it.

No one I think can blame me if I want to
Exalt in verse the University of Toronto.
I always speak, I hope I always will
Speak in the highest terms of Old McGill;
That institution, I admit with tears,
Has paid my salary for sixteen years.
But what is money to a man like me
Toronto honoured me with her degree.

Oh, Seat of Learning, at whose Norman Gate
My feeble steps learned to matriculate,
Oh Ancient corridors and classrooms dim,
That youth that once you sheltered, I am him.
Ghosts of departed decades, wake and see,
That boy in the short trousers, I am he.
And after thirty years I bring along
This unsolicited return of song.

Roll back the years, O Time, and let me see
The College that was Varsity to me;
Show me again those super-sylvan spots
Now turned to choice suburban building lots.
Spread wide the trees and stretch the park afar,
Unweaved as yet by the electric car,
Till once again my listening ear shall seize
The Taddle murmuring among its trees,
And Fancy see in that far yesterday
The Bloor Street farmers hauling in their hay.

Thus at fond memory's call as through a haze
I see the men and things of other days,
Dim shades appear within the corridor
And noiseless footsteps fall upon the floor.
Lo! Noble Wilson — dared we call him Dan?
Musing, the while, on Prehistoric Man,
Draw nearer still, O Venerable Shade,
Read me that lecture on the Third Crusade,
Let thy grave voice its even tenor keep,
Read it again, This time I will not sleep.

Profound in thought, melodious in tongue
I seem to see thee still, Oh Paxton Young,
How gladly I would ask thee, if I could,
One or two points I never understood.
You said one day that all our judgments were
Synthetically a priori, sir —
I never doubted it, I never will,
I thought so then and I believe it still.
Yet whisper low into my ear intent
What did you say that a priori meant?

But see these shadowy forms, so strange yet like,
That head! — 'tis Chapman — and that brow — 'tis Pike,
That coloured chalk, that moving hand, that bright
Description of the Neurilemma — Wright.
That voice within the room — pause here and listen —
Mittel Hoch Deutsch — It is, it's Vandersmissen.

Oh Noble Group! what learning! There were some
Possessed a depth one hardly dared to plumb.
Others a width of superficiality that makes the professors of to-day look flat.
And all are gone, departed, vanished, nil —
Called to the States or summoned further still.
Some have resigned, or been dismissed, or died,
Others, while still alive, Carnegified, And all are gone, departed, vanished, sors play
In flannelled idleness at Go-Home Bay.

All gone? Not so, some still are on the ground
Fraser is with us still, and Squair is round,
Still Hutton's Attie wit the classroom pleases
And Bakes keeps at least as young as Keys is.
Others there are — j'en passe et des meilleurs —
Who still recall to us the days that were.

For those were days of Peace. We heeded not,
Men talked of Empire and we called it rot;
Indeed the Empire had no further reach
Than to round out an after-dinner speech,
Or make material from which John A. Addressed us on our Convocation Day.
There was not in the class of '91 A single student who could fire a gun.
Our longest route march only took us — well,
About as far as the Caer Howell Hotel,
Our sole protection from aggression lay
In one small company — its number K.

Oh, little company, I see thee still
Upon the campus at thine evening drill,
Forming in fours, with only three in line,
A target for such feeble wit as mine,
All honour to the few who led the way,
Barker and Coleman, Edgar and Macrae,
Geary, Rutan and Andy Elliot who is now dispensing justice at the Soo, And Ryckert — let me pause and think of him,
Is it conceivable he once was slim! And, yes, perhaps the most important one
Friend of my youth, good Howard Ferguson,
The kindest man that ever failed to pass.

In First Year Trigonometry, Alas! —
This man of place and power, has he forgot
His boyhood friend? oh, surely, he has not.
When next some well-paid sinecure you see
Oh, Howard, pass it, pass it on to me.

A noble band, these veterans of K,
Born out of time, living before their day,
Paying their own expense, their belts, their boots,
And calling ever vainly for recruits.
Oh K, thou wert O.K., but not to be
And sank as sinks a raindrop in the sea,
Yet from thine ashes — if a raindrop can
Be said to have such things — there they began
A mighty movement, and one well may say
You put the K in Canada to-day.

For see, the past has gone! It fades apace
And the loud angry Present takes its place,
Lurid and red, and shaken with alarms,
The thunder that proclaims a world in arms.
What sounds are these, O Varsity, that fall
Loud on thy corridors, the bugle call,
The muster roll, the answering cry, the drum,
As from thy quiet halls thy students come.

Oh ancient corridor! soft fall the light
Upon their hurrying faces, brave and bright,
Children they seemed but yesterday and then
As in a moment they are turned to men.
Hush low the echoes of thy stone-flagged floor,
Footsteps are passing now that come no more,
Bid them God speed, Oh Ancient Gateway Grim,
Well may he speed them for they go for him.

And they are gone! The summer sunshine falls
Through the closed windows of thy silent halls,
The winter drags its round, the weary spring,
And the slow summer still no tidings bring
Of their return. Yet still, Oh Gateway Gray,
Silent but hopeful thou dost wait the day —
And it shall come. Then shall the buffies burn
To tell the message of their glad return.
Ho, porter, wide the gate, beat loud the drum,
Up with the Union Jack, they come, they come!
Majors and Generals and some V.C.'s —
Had ever college such a class as these?
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CALIFORNIA TO HAVE A SCHOOL OF OPERA

No More European Study for Students of Music.

Plans are under way for the establishment in California of a school of opera, to be affiliated with the University of California, and whose purpose it will be to give students of music in the state such a musical training that will not have to supplement it with European study. Dr. Benjamin Loe Wheeler, president of the university, is at the head of the movement, which has enlisted the support of Mrs. Phoebe A. Hearst and several other Californians of wealth devoted to education and arts. The companion project of erecting a municipal opera house, which is now interesting San Francisco, will, if realized, give California a musical opportunity of rare kind.

Though the idea is apparently new in America, it has long been the custom in England, Scandinavia, Germany, France, Denmark and Switzerland, to furnish residences for the teachers who are employed by the year, and often spend a lifetime in the same school. The teacher's cottages greatly facilitate the development of social centres, and lead to the use of the school house for many community purposes. They become "landmarks," the stability and continuity of residence at the same time giving the occupants a social dignity they would not otherwise have.

CORRECTION.
The next parade of the C. O. T. C. will be held on Saturday, January 6th, instead of on Thursday, January 4th, as was formerly announced in the "Daily."

DELTA SIGMA EXEC.
A short meeting of the Delta Sigma executive will be held to-day at one o'clock.

COMMERCE '17.
A meeting of Commerce '17 will be held this morning in the Smoking Room at 11 o'clock.
A large attendance is desired, as various items of importance will be discussed.

CERCLE FRANCAIS PHOTO.
The members of the executive of the Cercle Francais are reminded that the picture for the Annual will be taken at Gordon's on Thursday, at one o'clock. A full attendance at the appointed time is essential.

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The children will get toys "from Santa Claus" and most of the families will be given gifts of clothing.

To-night this committee will aid in decorating the University Settlement for the holidays.

This is rather a large piece of work and as many helpers as possible are necessary. Those who wish to help will please communicate with Ivadell Hurd, Convenor of the Committee.

STUDENT OFFICERS FOR AMERICAN ARMY

Regular Service Appointment in Reserve Corps for Men of Oklahoma College.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Dec. 18.—Military training, once considered drugery by young men students at Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College at Stillwater, now offers excellent inducements as a result of recent legislation, says the Oklahoma man.

Men graduates of the college are now eligible to appointment to rank as second lieutenant in the regular army at \$147 a month. The training received at college is accepted in lieu of all military tests except those in general history and elementary surveying. As these subjects are obtainable here, they offer no impediment to military ambitions of A. and M. graduates. The college training does not, however, exempt these graduates from the customary physical examination. Two recent graduates of the college, Emory Williamson, of 1916, and Merritt Olmstead, of 1915, are now candidates for appointment.

Another ruling that will affect graduates of the military training course here is that creating the "Reserve Officers" training corps. This act passed by Congress Sept. 20, 1916, provides for a reserve corps of officers that will be available to organize and command a volunteer or conscripted army in time of war.

The reserve corps is to have a four-weeks' training camp each year and enlistment is for 10 years. The Government bears the expense of the annual encampments and provides uniforms for the men.

The chief advantage to be gained by joining the reserve officers training corps is that in case of war each member of the corps is entitled to the rank held while a student. For instance, a captain in the cadet regiment here would be entitled to the rank of captain if called into active service and would receive the pay and perquisites of a captain of the regular army.

The Morrill Act of 1862, creating the present system of agricultural colleges through a Government land grant, provided for instruction in military training. Two years of such training are required of all male students at A. and M. College, and four years are open to the student who desires to continue in the cadet regiment. These students are not a part of the regular army or of the national guard, and are no more subject to conscription than any other civilian.

WILL LIKELY START COURSE IN RUSSIAN

Extension Lectures Likely to be Delivered After the New Year.

McGill Daily understands that it is the intention of the University to announce shortly the institution of an extension course of lectures in the Russian language, to be conducted in connection with the Faculty of Arts, but to be open to any student or graduate of the University upon payment of the fee, which will be prescribed. It is understood that the lectures will be held once a week after the New Year to continue until the close of the session.

Several members of the teaching staff of the Faculty of Arts have already signified their intention of attending the lectures, should they be instituted, and any students or graduates interested in the proposed course are asked to communicate with the Extension Department of the University. It is expected that the fee will be small.

Leeds University, with which McGill is affiliated, has recently undertaken similar work, this point being mentioned by the Duke of Devonshire, formerly Chancellor of Leeds University, in the course of his address at the special convocation in the Royal Victoria College last week.

DOUAMONT FORT.

LONDON, England.—Some hint of the conditions which at present are hampering the operations on the western front, is contained in a recent dispatch from the special correspondent of the British press with the French army. The dispatch is dated from Verdun some short time after the French reconquest of the forts of Vaux and Douaumont round about the end of October. Speaking of the district round Douaumont fort he says: The whole country was a network of holes, each hole being the result, not of one, but of several shells, which had fallen in the same spot. Its surface was such mud as has never before been in the history of war. The long slope consists of deep layers of soft, sticky mud, and even at a great depth it is impossible to find any solid foundation. The clay has been torn up, disintegrated, and, as it were, plowed by big shells to an enormous depth.

We had not come through a barrage fire. The enemy was sending his shells more or less at random over every patch of ground by which he thought that human beings might be trying to pass. From time to time one could distinguish figures lying in such shelter from splinters as a cat in a shell crater can offer. At one moment in the earliest and darkest hours of the morning the Germans opened a barrage fire between us and Douaumont. There was a shelter there, and there was nothing for it but to wait until their batteries were tired. An officer came out and insisted on our accepting the hospitality of his shelter.

It was a good deal further on, when, after the barrage had come to an end, we reached a point at which Douaumont actually seemed an attainable reality. "Eight hundred yards to go," said the guide. "We shall be there in an hour. It is the worst ground of all, and when we get within 300 yards of the fort we must go quickly, as the Boches fire there continually."

My impressions of that last lap to Douaumont are extremely shadowy. Before, I had been falling about once every 10 or 20 paces. Now I began to fall every five steps. It was not at the shell holes were closer together, that would have been impossible; it was simply that they were deeper, and a false step precipitated me down anything from four to eight feet into the soft mud.

At the end our party became separated into two. We were simply wondering out of one pit into another without any idea of direction. It seemed to be about half-way up a side of an enormous depression 40 to 50 feet deep. The German fire seemed to be growing more violent, and extremely unpleasant shell, the one which comes too fast to announce its arrival, was exploding quite near, and we had to crouch close to the side of the depression in which we were to avoid the splinters.

Then a voice called from the darkness, "Here is the entrance to the fort." Unaware we stragglers reach Douaumont, all the time convinced that it was still far away. The age depression was all that was left the moat, and we had been trying to climb up the fort itself. Douaumont has received more heavy shells than it is possible to estimate, certainly a far greater weight of metal than the engineers who designed and built it ever imagined it would have to resist. Yet the basement of the fort was intact. Its outlying works suffered severely or have been swept away; its upper story has been pierced through in one place, and in another a large hole has been made in the side, but this last damage is the work of French, not German, shells. The enemy's famous 420 has done its utmost to wreck Douaumont, and as failed. The French 400s—16in., which have hit the fort have caused a really serious injury to its masonry fabric, so far as concerns the upper story. It would seem that in practice the French 400 mm. has proved itself a considerably more powerful weapon than that 420 mm. which was at the beginning of the war almost worshipped in Germany as the conqueror of Namur, Antwerp, and Mauberge. If the German attacks Douaumont again he will find that the machine guns that he left behind him when he departed, fearing an explosion as a result of the French 400s, have been placed in quite new and far more advantageous points of vantage. The garrison is provisioned for a siege with every necessity of war to an extent that it never was when it was in German hands.

The commandant, after showing us his precious stores, took us to see the work of the French 400s. One of them broke clean through the upper story of the fort, making a hole like a lift well, and though it did no harm to the galleries, it interrupted all communications between the east and west of the fort on that story. The French engineers, however, as soon as the fort was captured, set to work to restore communication, and it is now possible to go from one end of the fort, which is a very large one, to the other, as easily as before. It was this shell that landed a stock of grenades and persuaded the enemy that the fort was on the point of blowing up. The German garrison at once withdrew.

THIS IS THE LIFE.
Up at noon.
Head aches.
Had for lunch
Wheat cakes.
Danced 'til two.
Liketa died.
Feet hurt.
Almost cried.
Kidded import,
Got called.
Girl sore.
Got bawled.
Worked hard.
To show up bunch.
All I got—
Punch an' lunch.
Cost thirty.
That's all.
Still I say—
"Some ball!"—Hilli.

PHILOSOPHICAL SOC.
The executive of the Philosophical Society will have their photo taken at 3 p.m. to-day.

"FROSH" HUMOR.

Senior—Bell Daubs has water on the knee.
Froshman—Oh, is that why he wears pumps and hose?—Miami Student.

ORVAL J. McCULLOCH IS HOCKEY CAPTAIN

Elected at Meeting of Players Held at Arena on Monday Night.

At a meeting of the senior hockey squad held at the Arena previous to the game on Monday night with Nationals, Orval J. McCulloch, Sci. '17, was elected captain to lead the team throughout the present season. In the game on Monday night he directed operations, succeeding "Pat" Rooney, who was captain last year.

The new senior hockey captain comes originally from Carleton Place, Ont., where he was born in 1894. He was educated at the Ottawa Collegiate Institute, and is one of the consistent hockey players who have been turned out by that institution in recent years. At O.C.I. McCulloch figured on the school team, and when he came to McGill immediately secured a place on his class team, with which he played in the seasons of 1913-14, and 1914-15. In 1914 he played with the second hockey team of the University, and last year graduated into the senior squad, where he has made good with a vengeance. McCulloch is a heady and consistent player, and one of the strong points of the McGill forward line. He is vice-president of the Hockey Club, and taking a course in civil engineering.

At the same meeting Charles Moore, Dent. '18, was elected manager of the team for the present season.

PHILOSOPHERS WILL MEET THIS EVENING

Cantor's Doctrine of Infinity to be Discussed at Last Meeting of This Year.

All those who are interested in things philosophical should attend the meeting of the Philosophical Society this evening. The Society is not active this year as in former years, but the quality of the programmes makes up for the lack of quantity. This is the last meeting of the year, and every student of the department of Philosophy should be present.

To-night's programme will be a paper by Mr. H. J. Clarke, on "Cantor's Doctrine of Infinity." This is a subject which is very seldom discussed, and should prove to be of especial interest to the students. As was said before this is the last meeting of this society this year, and those who will attend the meeting are assured of having a pleasant and profitable evening.

LAUS VARSITATIS.

(Continued from Page 3.)

Let the wine flow—excuse me, I forgot—

I should say, in Ontario, let it not, But let at least the pop be strongly made

And more than lemons in the lemonade, Let the loud harp and let the mandolin,

In fact, let any kind of music in— And while the wildest music madly whirls,

Why, then—if I may say it—bring the girls.

And under circumstances such as these Come, give them all gratuitous degrees.

And there are those who come not. But for them

We sing no dirge, we chant no requiem.

What though afar beneath a distant sky Broken and spent, shall their torn bodies lie

And the soft flowers of France bloom once again Upon the liberated soil above the slain

Who freed it, and her rivers lave As with their tears the unforgotten grave.

Whilst thou, Oh Land of murmuring lake and pine, Shall call in vain these vanished sons of thine—

They are not dead. They shall not die while still Affection lives and Memory fulfil Its task of gratitude. Nor theirs alone

The sculptured monument, the graven stone; The Commonwealth of Freedom that shall rise

World wide shall tell their noble sacrifice.

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